

- Was this plant an RMP facility?
 - Yes, there was an RMP on file for this facility. Plan was updated in 2011. Next update due in 2016.
- If so, did it fall under the high-risk category?
 - Per internal EPA definition, it is not a high risk facility as defined by quantity and history of releases. However, as a Program Level II RMP facility it poses a threat to the surrounding community.
- When was the last time that EPA inspected the facility?
 - EPA inspected the facility in 2006.
- Does EPA have a role in assisting the local community with the response?
 - Yes. EPA works closely with the State in response activities.
- If so, please describe the activities that EPA is undertaking?
 - Multiple emergency response agencies are engaged in fire-fighting and public safety activities.
 - Region 6 has deployed 2 OSCs, 8 contractors and the mobile command post to the site. Additional OSCs and contractors are on standby.
 - Air monitoring will be conducted.
 - The OSCs will coordinate with TCEQ and multiple state and local partners on the response.
- Has EPA issued any public guidance on evacuations, etc. in response to the blast?
 - No. Local authorities determine scope and length of evacuations. The State of Texas is overseeing the response and has not requested DHS FEMA assistance. EPA is assisting TCEQ with air monitoring of the area. TCEQ and TDH is interpreting information in support of the state-lead response.
- Is the local community responding under a contingency plan that EPA helped develop?
 - It is unknown to EPA if the small community of West, Texas, has an independent contingency plan. The City of Waco, McLennan County, and surrounding cities are a LEPC who have a contingency plan that EPA has provide training and assistance with historically. The McLennan County Office of Emergency Management is responsible for developing and maintaining the McLennan County Emergency Operations Plan.
- What are the chemicals of concern that may have been released?
 - Anhydrous ammonia
 - Ammonium nitrate
- What are the next steps in determining the cause of the fire and explosion?
 - The cause of the explosion is still under investigation.